



NASS DATA PROGRAMS REVIEW

Comments / Suggestions

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Dear Data User:

NASS is undertaking a comprehensive review of its data programs to make sure it meets the needs of data users in the future. In doing so, it is important to know what significant changes are occurring in your region and / or industry. Because of these changes, what new data are needed or what current NASS data series could be discontinued in your opinion? Your input is important and some questions follow that will help NASS evaluate input from all data users.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Rich Allen, Chairperson
Agricultural Statistics Board*

1. What are the primary NASS data you use? (There may be many responses to this question in your organization). Please comment about the accuracy, frequency, coverage, and level of detail desired.

2. What significant changes do you see taking place in agriculture in the next 5 years?
 - a. What changes will be required in current NASS data series as a result of these changes?

 - b. What new data or information will be required? How often and at what level of coverage, i.e., national, regional, State, etc., will data be needed?

 - c. What NASS data series can be discontinued?

3. A detailed list of the different data items in the Census of Agriculture follows. Please indicate for each item whether or not you currently use it and if so, indicate the most important level (U.S., State, or county) of data needed? You may skip this question if you do not use Census of Agriculture data.

		USE	
C	Acres operated, ownership and number of landlords	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Acreage, production and sales:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Field crops	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Forage crops	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Nursery, greenhouse, mushrooms, sod, Christmas	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Fruit, nut, grapevines, and citrus	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Acres by land use (cropland pastureland, woodland, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Irrigated acres	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	CRP acres	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Livestock Inventory and sales	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Poultry inventory and sales	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Dollars from Federal programs and CCC loans	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Production and Inventory by size, type and other demographics	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Dollars from direct sales to consumers	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Fertilizer, chemical use, number of acres	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Production expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Machinery and equipment, number and value	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Value of land and buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
C	Farm related income	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

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3. (Continued)

	USE
C Number of hired workers	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
C Farm injuries and deaths	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
C Type of organization	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
C Corporate structure	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
C Operator demographic characteristics (age, race, education, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

U.S.	State	County

4. Other comments or suggestions on the Census of Agriculture or other NASS data programs.

If you wish, please provide your address so we can respond to your comments or suggestions.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

If you have a question or need assistance with any agricultural statistics,
contact our Hotline at 1-800-727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov

THANK YOU!!!